Dear FCC, I recently used XM satellite radio traffic stations as a very direct benefit of a road trip. The benefit of information, trip routing and avoiding accident traffic backups was invaluable to me during the trip. I was able to look ahead and determine the best route even in cities not in my own local area. I could continue on my current route, or adjust my route as needed based on traffic conditions in the areas I was approaching. Also, from a highway safety point of view, I was informed of an accident in an area where I was headed. I was able to adjust my route in plenty of time to avoid the traffic backup which increases safety on the highway as well as provides me with the invaluable benefit of time saved. Please do not take away this great advantage to users of satellite radio.

Thank you,

Patti Hatcher